

Attachment I

Water Quality – Backhoe Excavation Data & Methodology

**Methodology for the sampling of shallow groundwater from excavation pits for
EC determination (in the Tulare Lakebed)**

The methodology used to collect shallow groundwater samples for EC determination is as follows:

- Representative sampling locations are identified within each field.
- Backhoes are used to excavate a pit down to the first encountered groundwater, typically to a depth of 8 to 12 feet.
- Samples of the shallow ground water are collected within less than 1 day by dipping a clean container into the groundwater.
- Once the sample is collected, the pit is back-filled.
- One of three laboratories was used to analyze data.
 - JG Boswell Co. Laboratory in Corcoran, CA.
 - Valley Tech Agricultural Services Laboratory in Tulare, CA.
 - JMLord Inc. Laboratory in Fresno, CA.
- The laboratories analyze the samples within the maximum holding time.

